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oblication of:

NABIL L. MUHANNA, M.D.

INTEVERTEBRAL DISC PROSTHESIS AND METHODS OF IMPLANTATION

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above case are the following documents:

Amendment Transmittal – Fee \$353.00 - Check # 40378

Response to First Office Action

Appendix – Formals Drawings – 3 Pages

Petition for Extension of Response Time Submission of Extension Fee for Three Month Extension Extension Fee - \$475.00 - Check # 40317

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------|-------------------|
| | Claims after Amend. | Highest Prev. Paid For | Extra | Rate SE/LE | Additional Fee |
| Total Claims | 26 | - 25 | = 1 | X \$9/\$18 | = \$9 |
| Indep Claims | 11 | - 3 | = 8 | X \$43/\$86 | = \$344 |
| | | | Total Additional Fee for this Amendment = \$353.00 | | |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the total fee of \$0.00 to our Deposit Account No. <u>09-0528</u>.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. <u>09-0528</u>.

1/26/2004

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